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SUBJ: SEATO: FIFTH SEMINAR ON VILLAGE DEFENSE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. SEATO WILL SPONSOR ITS FITH ANNUAL SEMINAR ON VILLATE DEFENSE AND DEVELOPMENT (SVDD) IN BANGKOK NOVEMBER 18-24. AS IN PAST YEARS, PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE SEATO MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, RVN, AND SOUTH KOREA. PURPOSE OF SVDD IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON METHODS ASIAN GOVERNMENTS EMPLOY IN COUNTERING SUBVERSION/INSURGENCY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

2. AS IN PAST YEARS, US HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND ONE REPRESENT-ATIVE TO SVDD. SEATO WILL PAY ROUND-TRIP ECONOMY AIR FARE, INSURANCE AND $20 PER DIEM FOR US REPRESENTATIVE.

3. GENERAL SAIYUT KOETPHON OF THE RTG'S INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS COMMAND (ISOC) HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE US SELECT DR. FRANK OSANKA WHO HAD WORKED WITH SRI AND ARPA IN THAILAND. OSANKA IS A LONG TIME STUDENT OF INSURGENCY. HIS BOOK "MODERN GUERRILLA WARFARE" IS A STANDARD TEXT ON THE SUBJECT AND CON-TAINS AN INTRODUCTION BY THE EMINENT POLITICAL SCIENTIST SAMUEL P. HUNTINGTON. OSANKA IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MANY RTG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CSI AND HAS DONE GENERAL RESEARCH
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ON THE SUBJECT. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS HIS SELECTION. HE

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IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 121 NORTH CENTRAL STREET, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540, TELEPHONE AREA CODE 312, 355-7529.

4. IF DR. OSANKA NOT AVAILABLE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD LANSDALE, USAF, NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, BE APPROACHED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GENERAL LANSDALE GAINED RECOGNITION IN COUNTERING INSURGENTS IN RVN AND PHILIPPINES SOME YEARS AGO, AND, MOREOVER, IS WELL KNOWN FIGURE IN SEA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT HIS EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN CSI FIELD WOULD BE A DEFINITE ASSET TO SVDD. EMBASSY, AS IN PAST, WOULD ALSO SEND SOME OBSERVERS TO SVDD. CINCPAC ALSO INVITED TO SEND OBSERVER.

5. EMBASSY POUCHING TO EA/RA, UNDER COVER REGISTRY NO. 608989, COPIES OF AGENDA FOR SEMINAR DISCUSSION. US REPRESENTATIVE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED WRITE ANY PAPERS ON ANY TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BE ADVISED SOONEST AS TO DR. OSANKA OR GENERAL LANSDALE'S RECEPTIVITY TO ATTENDING SVDD SO THAT SEATO MAY BE INFORMED.
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